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The chief Cauſes, Symptoms, and Effects of the Scurvy.

THIS Diſeaſe doth chiefly proceed from Melancholy bred by diſtempers of the Stomach or Spleen; which being crude, ſtays in the paſſages of the Arteries and Veins, and thereby doth excite grievous Fermentation or Workings, from whence are ſent Vapors which afflict the heart and brain, *&c.* from all which is cauſed malignant and contagious putrefaction of Melancholy; and thence proceed theſe Symptoms, *viz.* Giddineſs in the head, ſudden flushings, heat and redneſs in the face and body, putrefaction and ſtinking of the mouth and gums, Tooth-ach, ſtinking breath, blackneſs and looſeneſs of the teeth, want of digeſtion, much wind, and unſavory belchings: and by thick vapors ariſing from the *Hypocondria* to the midriff, are occaſioned obſtructions of reſpiration, or ſhortneſs of Breath, and ſtraitneſs of the Breaſt, *&c.* The body is dull and heavy, and in the legs are ſpots, ſometimes red, purple, black, or blue: There are alſo violent pains in the head, ſhoulders, arms, fingers, belly, thighs, knees, legs, ancles, feet and toes: Whence ſome who have had the *Pox*, (though cured) do fear the return of their old malady. There are many thouſands have this Diſtemper, that are perſwaded they have the *Gout*; becauſe ſometimes it hath the very ſigns of the *Gout*: which alſo is the cauſe why the *Scurvy* (which by miſtake is judged the *Gout*) is ſo ſeldom cured. For thoſe Medicaments pertinent in the *Gout* are not the very ſame in the *Scurvy*, and conſequently cannot cure it. Other ſigns of the *Scurvy* are bad ſleep, and frightful dreams, a feveriſh heat and ſweats towards the morning. Some have riſings on their body, as if ſtung with Bees or Waſps, *&c.* others have dolors in their ſides, imitating thoſe of the Spleen. And in ſhort, it doth appear to a judicious eye, with and in the ſhape of moſt Diſeaſes; as hath been ſufficiently apparent, not onely to my ſelf, but alſo to ſeveral other experienced Phyſitians, who have traced this Diſeaſe, and made exact inſpection into its variable dreſſes, for many years together. And it is alſo obſerved, that it is propagated and ſpread abroad in theſe parts of the world, more than any other Diſtemper whatſoever; and by its ſundry ſhapes hath ſeduced many in their judgment of the Diſeaſe. For in ſome it paſſeth for a *Conſumption*, in others for a *Dropſie*, &c. and Medicines are given accordingly; but alas to little purpoſe, and all for want of a true knowledg of the original of the Diſeaſe it ſelf. And here obſerve a great truth, *viz.* that there are very few afflicted with any Diſtemper of long continuance, who have not joyned with it a *Scorbutick* taint; which unleſs it be conſidered, and ſome powerful *Antiſcorbutick* Medicaments given, the Patient is very rarely, if ever cured.

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Now the concluſion of all (if the *Scurvy* be not timely remedied, and that it grow predominant) is ſometimes *Swoonings*, *Apoplexies*, *Dropſies*, great decay of the body, *Conſumptions*, and very often Death it ſelf.

Note, That in ſome the *Scurvy* is hereditary; and that there are ſome few cauſes thereof, beſides thoſe here ſet down: but theſe being uſually the chief, the other are omitted.

The Cauſes, Signs, and Effects of the Virgin or Maiden Diſeaſe, called the Green-ſickneſs.

THE main cauſe of this Diſeaſe is from obſtructions or ſtoppage; and the cauſe of ſuch obſtructions, *&c.* are evil, thick and clammy humors, which choak and ſtop the paſſage in the Veſſels, and ſpoil the making and paſſage of the Blood, *&c.* and theſe proceed from bad Diet; as eating of raw wheat, oatmeal, much ſalt, aſhes, clay, chalk, *&c.* drinking of much vinegar, or much cold water; from too much or too little ſleep, eating much raw fruit, ſitting too long at Sewing work, Melancholy, violent Exerciſe, great heats or Colds, *&c.*

The ſigns of this diſeaſe, are a pale and greeniſh colour in the face, the face, and eye-lids ſwelled, eſpecially after ſleep; the heart beats and fainteth the Stomach ſwell'd or pained; they loath meat, have a tickling Cough, and their breath ſhort; they ſometimes vomit; they have thirſt, head-ach, and are often Melancholy; they are ſwell'd about their ancles and feet, and care not much to ſtir, eſpecially up ſtairs or an Hill.

The continuance of this Diſeaſe brings long Feavers, Barrenneſs, great watery Swellings, and the Dropſie: Some have a *Schirrus* or Tumor, and waſting in their Liver; others by oppreſſion of the heart die ſuddenly; and many fall into *Conſumptions*, which end in the Grave.

Note, That great caution ought to be uſed in bleeding any Maid in the arm, before ſhe have had her monthly Viſits; but if an urgent occaſion call for Blood-letting, then rather breathe a Vein in the Ancle. By following this advice, you ſhall moſt certainly prevent the death of ſome, and many Diſeaſes in others; but more eſpecially that moſt dreadful Diſeaſe of Barrenneſs.

And againſt this very Diſeaſe, *viz.* the *Green ſickneſs*; and alſo to procure the monthly Viſits in ſuch women in whom they are wanting, there are but few Medicines comparable to theſe PILLS, as has been often proved, when no other means or Medicines could prevail.

I ſhall here give ſome account concerning Worms

OF theſe creatures are ſeveral ſorts; but the moſt uſual are ſhaped round and long: theſe are bread in the Guts, yet ſometimes get into the Stomach. The ſecond are ſhort, and very ſmall, like threds; and commonly lie in the right Gut, and in the end of the Fundament,

wherein is almoſt continual itching; which Worms alſo provoke the Patient very often to ſtool. The third ſort are long and broad, of an incredible length, but very rarely ſeen

Worms are chiefly cauſed from raw, groſs, flegmatick matter; and therefore Youth and ſuch as eat much fruit, are ſeldom free from them: Alſo all great Eaters are very ſubject to them; eſpecially thoſe who eat meats that eaſily putrifie in the Stomach, and more at once than Nature can well digeſt; whence follow Crudities, and thence Worms; the ſigns of which are many. Some have unſavory belchings and a ſtinking breath, waſting of the Gums, heavineſs, fainting, great thirſt, vomiting, cold ſweats, and often a Fever; a ſhort Cough, unquiet Sleep, intolerable gnawing pains in the Stomach and belly, loſs of Appetite, weakneſs and conſumption of the whole Body. Many times the Patient hath an inſatiable Appetite, cauſed by flat Worms, which devour the Food that is eaten. There are a few ſigns more of Worms: but theſe being the moſt common, I ſhall ſay no more of the reſt at preſent; only thus much ſhall add, that if Worms be voided alive, without other excrement, in the begining of a Diſeaſe, 'tis dangerous, and ſignifies great Crudities; and if voided dead, ſignifies much putrefaction that has killed them, which probably, ſhortly after, kills the Patient.

In ſhort, 'tis the opinion of our Age, grounded upon experimental proofs, that Worms and their effects, have conducted more people to their graves, than any one diſtemper whatſoever. And therefore you that ſuſpect them in your ſelves, make much of theſe PILLS, as a choice remedy to prevent a Worm-eaten Carcaſe: and take them ere to late; by which doing you may prolong your days in eaſe and health, and be obliged to thank your Adviſer.

The Cauſes, Symptoms, and Effects of Dropſies.

THE Dropſie *Aſcites*, is from abundance of water heaped up between the *Peritonæum*, or inner coat of the belly, and bowels; which infecting the mouth of the ſtomach, doth bring great thirſt, and often a Fever. Sometimes it begins in the Feet, and ſwells upward to the Legs, Thighs and Cods: but at the ſame time the upper parts of the body uſually conſume. The cauſe of this *Dropſie* may be from a cold diſtemper of the Liver, which cannot make perfect blood, but flegm, wind, and water. Sometimes a *Dropſie* may proceed from a *Fever*, hot meats, and too plentiful drinking of wine; whence the Liver, Spleen, and Kidneys may loſe part of their native heat, and conſequently their ability to attract the water, and eject it by the *Ureters*. The ſame may be cauſed from the natural *Flux* in women flowing too plentifully, or from retention of the ſame: And drinking much cold water may diminiſh and diſperſe the native heat, and by that means make way for a *Dropſie*.

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The Dropſie *Tympanites*, is from wind ſhut up in the cavity of the *Abdomen* or Belly, and ſometimes in the Guts. This wind is bred from crude, thick, flegmatick, or Melancholy humors, which by heat having motion, and made thin, become groſs windy Vapors. This *Dropſie* is never of wind alone, but always mixt with water. But the greateſt part of this Diſtemper proceeding from wind, it is then called a *Tympany*.

The Dropſie *Anaſarca* is, without controverſie, bred from a cold diſtemper of the Liver, which hinders its concoction; from whence, inſtead of good blood, it diſperſeth flegmatick humors, and cauſeth the whole body to ſwell. A *Dropſie* may be alſo cauſed from all tumors or obſtructions of the Liver, much bleeding, great evacuation by Stool, Sweat, &c.

Note, All *Dropſies* are dangerous, and hardly cured. Yet the Dropſie *Anaſarca*, which is occaſioned by Flegm ſpread over the whole body, is eaſieſt cured of the three; but *Aſcites* and *Tympanites*, with much more difficulty. Notwithſtanding, I here promiſe that my Pills do very rarely fail to give help in the moſt dangerous *Dropſie*; provided the Diſeaſe be within the power of Phyſick to remedy.

Note, That all the Symptoms afore-mentioned, are ſeldom in every one that have theſe Diſeaſes at one and the ſame time (except thoſe in *Dropſies*) but moſt are; and ſome have more, and ſome fewer of them.

There remains now ſomething more to be ſaid of thoſe excellent Pills before-named; of which briefly thus.

Two of the larger Boxes of them, price but ſix ſhillings, are uſually enough for perfect cure of either of the aforeſaid Diſeaſes, except the Diſeaſe be of very long continuance; and then the perſon doth ſometimes take a ſmall quantity more, to perfect the cure.

Theſe Pills are alſo of admirable uſe for ſuch as have the *P O X*, *Gonorrhœa*, or *Running of the Reins*; and for ſuch as formerly have had either of thoſe Diſeaſes, and ſuſpect an ill Cure, or dread a relapſe: and for ſuch they are of good uſe, taken in the Spring, or Autumn, to carry off any reliques of the malady that may be ſuſpected to remain.

They are likewiſe one of the moſt ſure and ſpeedy Medicines in the world againſt the *Green-ſickneſs*, and for ſuch young women as want their monthly Viſits. And (as I hinted before) have recovered many, who have been brought even to the Grave with theſe Diſtempers.

They are alſo of good uſe againſt Fits of the Mother, as likewiſe againſt foulneſs, and other Diſtempers of the Womb, taking away the cauſes of Barrenneſs.

They free the body from dumpiſh Melancholly humours, and revive drooping ſpirits even to a wonder, cure the Jaundice, and are a good Medicine againſt heat and ſharpneſs of Urine.

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I ſhall add, That theſe Pills taken ſometimes to prevent Diſeaſes, or more cloſely followed to cure, as need ſhall require, are a choice remedy for all Families, eſpecially thoſe who inhabit near the Seas, ſuch (much more than others) being liable to Obſtructions; Agues, the Scurvy, and many other Diſtempers.

They are alſo a precious Medicine for Mariners, and ſuch as uſe the Seas, to whom the Scurvy, and many other Diſeaſes, are very incident; partly from bad Airs, Sea Fogs, ſudden Heats and Colds, much ſalt Diet; and ſometimes from exceſſive drinking of Forein and unfrequented Liquors, &c. and they are the more commodious for ſuch to take to Sea with them, becauſe in the time of taking them, none is confined to keep in, but every one may walk abroad at pleaſure, (except the weather be extream ſharp, or the body very tender) for indeed they are ſo gentle, that they are ſafely taken by all perſons, from Three years Old, to the greateſt Age; and at all times of the year, even in the coldeſt or hoteſt Seaſons, being ſo congruous to all Conſtitutions, as gently to wait Nature in her dictates; as is daily manifeſted by their ſundry and facile Operations: For in ſome they gently move ſweat, in others much Urine, and in others they operate effectually by Stool: and in ſome again, they work by Sweat, Urine, and Stool. So that which way ſoever Nature is inclined to acquit her ſelf, that very way they are ready to aſſiſt her.

Many more are the Virtues might truly be aſcribed to this Medicine; but I ſhall only add, that it being taken ſome few times at Spring and Autumn, doth fortifie the body againſt the aſſaults of moſt Diſeaſes; and it is alſo found, by daily experience, to free the body from malignant humors, and to reſiſt theſe Diſeaſes. *viz.* the *SEVRY*, the violent *Head-ach*, *Palſie*, *Falling-ſickneſs*, *Apoplexy*, *Lethargy*, or ſleepy Diſeaſe, *Vertigo*, *Dizzineſs*, *Frenzy*, *Madneſs*, *Catarrhs*, or *Defluctions*, *Aſthma*, or *Shortnes of breath*, *Obſtructions* of the *Liver*, *Spleen*, and *Meſentery*, *Agues*, *Quotidian*, *Tertian*, or *Quartan*, *Foulneſs*, and Diſtempers of the *Womb*, *pain*, and *foulneſs* of the *Stomach*, putrefaction of *Humors*, *Kings-evil*, *Leproſie*, *Mange*, *Scurf*, *Running pains*, *Stitches*, *Convulſions*, *Gout*, *Sciatica*, *Cholicks*, *Stone*, *looſeneſs*, *Fluxes*, *Excoriation* of the *Inteſtines*, or *Griping* in the *Guts*, *Surfeits*, loſs of *Appetite*, *Vomitting*, &c. purges groſs *Tartarous humors* from the body, thereby preventing the *Gout*, alſo ſweetning and purifying the whole maſs of blood, &c.

And know that it doth not only prevent theſe Diſeaſes, but doth alſo cure the moſt of them: And, in a word, is a ſignificant and moſt noble Medicine againſt moſt curable Diſtempers.

I ſhall alſo add, that theſe Pills do wonderfully remedy a Stinking-breath, if the cauſe be not in the Teeth. They are likewiſe a ſingular good remedy againſt thoſe painful, Watery, Flegmatick, or Choleriek Vomitings

tings incident to the Good-fellow, after drinking much, and ſitting up late at night. Alſo the Pills being taken, to the number of Three, Four, or Five, as the body is able, the next morning after hard drinking (and the perſon to lye in bed two or three hours after taking them, or until they work) do prevent *Surfeits*, *Fevers*, *Gouts*, *Palſies*, *Dropſies*, &c. which are often the effects of too much Wine, or ſtrong Liquors.

I ſhall now inſert the Names and dwellings of ſome few (of the great number that I might) who have been reſtored by my Pills, one of many dangerous Diſtempers, after all other Medicines have failed.

Mr. *Harding* of *Linnington* near *Warwick*, being near Eighty years of age, had been a long time troubled with a dangerous Scurvy and Dropſie, being ſwelled as much as his skin could hold, in his feet, legs, thighs, belly, privities, breaſt, arms, hands, and head, ſo that he was not able to ſtir out of his bed, was with ſix ſhillings worth of my Pills perfectly cured.

Mr. *Richard Hinton*, Living near the Cock, towards the upper end of *Leather-lane*, being brought into ſuch a low and dangerous condition with Griping in the Guts, as there was very little hopes of life, was however by a Friend of his adviſed to my Pills, as the only Medicine to be hoped in for his Recovery; whereupon he freely took them, and was thereby in a very few days perfectly recovered.

Mr. *Joſeph Seidon*, Woodmonger on *Mill-bank*, *Weſtminſter*, being exceedingly afflicted with a dangerous *Dropſie*, inſomuch that the print of a finger would have continued a long time in his fleſh; and in this condition (by a ſad accident) was thruſt into the body with a Sword, and bled much inwardly: his wounds alone were judged ſo dangerous, that moſt gave him over for a dead man; and yet ſome perſwaded him after all to try what my Pills would do for him, which he willingly aſſented to: And their effects were indeed moſt wonderful, for they brought from him all the *Coagulated*, or hardned blood, which was judged before would very much haſten his death; they cauſed his wounds quickly to heal, and perfectly cured his *Dropſie*.

Mary the Wife of *Dennis Barnard* of *Butleigh* in the County of *Somerſet*, having been above three years troubled with a violent tormenting pain in the left ſide of her Stomach, but more eſpecially after eating or drinking (when, it was her conſtant uſe to tumble her ſelf on the ground, in hopes of eaſe thereby) had the advice of many Phyſitians, and took many Medicines they preſcribed her; but found no eaſe at all: And being brought exceeding low, even to the gates of death, almoſt deſpairing of life, was informed of the wonderful effects of my Pills; whereupon a Box of them was bought for her, at *Yeovil* in the ſaid County; ſhe took of them as many and as oft as her body was able to bear, and

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they brought from her by Stool many hundreds of living Worms, of ſtrange ſhapes; ſome about an inch in length, ſome longer, and headed like Eels. At laſt they brought from her ſomewhat like a bag; which was judged to be that wherein the Worms had lain. The woman upon this recovered perfect health, look't freſh and well, and became as able to follow her buſineſs as in all her life; ſhe being at that time Fifty years of Age.

Mrs. *Griſet*, of *Rockyhal* near *Warwick*, having been a long time ſorely afflicted with an *Ague*, was thereby brought into a very weak condition; and withal being much troubled with the *Scurvy*, had ſpots of ſeveral colours on her legs, and ſuch violent pains in her joynts, that ſhe was hardly able to go: This Gentlewoman was perfectly cured with Fifteen ſhillings worth of my Pills, and in a ſhort time became one of the heartieſt women in that Town.

Matthew Griſet of *Rockyhal* above-named, being very far gone with the *Scurvy*, and full of blew ſpots, and knotted in his joynts, had many great breakings out on his body; all which with nine ſhillings worth of my Pills, were perfectly cured.

Mr. *Samuel Hookey*, of *Thrupe* near *Chriſt-Church* in *Hampſhire*, being for a long time exceeding ſick and weak, and judged by all to be far gone in a Conſumption, and being given over by moſt Phyſitians for a dead man, was, to the great wonder of all that knew him, perfectly cured with my Pills.

Mr. *John Hall* of *Stowmarket* in *Suffolk*, being extreamly afflicted with the Scurvy and Gout, was cured with my Pills.

Edward Goodall of *Stowmarket*, was alſo cured by my Pills, of the Gout, Scurvie, and ſeveral other Indiſpoſitions.

Mr. *Robert Taylor* of *Hadleigh* in *Suffolk*, being much troubled with the Scurvie, and having great pains in his bones, was perfectly cured with my Pills.

The Wife of *John Roper* of *Southover*, in the Parriſh of *Tolpidele* in *Dorſetſhire*, was exceedingly troubled for the ſpace of eight years with the *Scurvy* and *Dropſie*, her legs being full of purple, red and yellow ſpots, and ſo ſwelled, that they were ready to burſt; and ſhe was often ſo full of pain in them, that ſhe could not go, but upon her hands and knees; ſhe was lifted into, and out of her bed: and after the trial of all likely means that could be heard of for her Cure proved ſucceſleſs, ſhe had perfect help by the uſe of my Pills; which made her ſo well, that ſhe could travel on Foot nine or ten miles in one day, being then Fifty years of age.

Mr. *John Edmonds* of *Arundel* in *Suſſex*, being extreamly afflicted with the Scurvy, inſomuch that himſelf and others concluded it would in a ſhort time end his days, was to the great admiration of all his acquaintance, perfectly cured by my Pills, as in his Letter to me he doth fully and thankfully acknowledg.

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Mr. *Pearſon* of the Bank, within two miles of *Shieffield* in *York-ſhire*, was exceedingly ſwelled with the *Dropſie*, and his breath ſo ſhort, that he judged he had not long to live: And being in this ſad condition ſent for a Box of my Pills, with which he cured not only himſelf, but alſo two of his neighbours, who at that time were ſo deſperately ill, that their Phyſicians gave them both over for dead men: And in the ſame Pariſh, one of my Pills perfectly cured a Child of *Convulſion-fits*.

Mr. *John Johnſon*, ſervant to Mr. *Thomas Forth*, Brewer in St. *Giles*'s in the Fields, *London*, being ſo far gone in a moſt dangerous *Dropſie*, that he appeared to all that beheld him abſolutely paſt Cure, and not likely to live three days; was, to the great admiration of all that knew him, perfectly cured with my Pills. And of this great Cure any may be ſatisfied at the houſe of the ſaid Mr. *Forth*, as alſo by moſt of the Inhabitants thereabout.

Mr. *Henry Towgood*, an Officer of the exciſe, reſident at the Bell in *Shepton-mallet* in *Somerſetſhire*, being exceedingly afflicted with the *Scurvy*, and ſo much ſwelled with the *Dropſie*, that he could not lift his hands to his head; his teeth were looſe, his breath ſhort, ſtomach loſt, his body exceeding weak, and he almoſt diſpairing of help, was in a ſhort time perfectly cured with my Pills; and his Cure in thoſe parts is judged moſt wonderful.

Thomaſin Spurwel, Servant to *Jonathan Spark*, Eſq; at the Friery in *Plymouth*, having for divers years been afflicted with violent tormenting pains in her Stomach, and ſeveral other Indiſpoſitions proceeding from ſome Maiden obſtructions, whereby ſhe was brought very weak; was, after all other means had failed, perfectly cured with my Pills.

Mr. *Man* Coffe-ſeller in *Exchange-Alley* in *Cornhil*, being very much indiſpoſed, took much Phyſick for his relief, but found none until he took my Pills, which gave him ſpeedy help, and brought from him a Worm, the breadth of the end of a mans little finger, and about a yard and half in length.

Mr. *Doules* of *Milton*, Four miles from *Marlborow* in *Wiltſhire*, being even at the gates of Death, not able to move about his Chamber, with a moſt dangerous Scurvy and Dropſie, was, to the admiration of the whole Country, perfectly cured with my Pills.

Edward Wilmont, the Son of *Edward Wilmont* of *Moullam*, within a mile of *Ilmiſter*, in the County of *Somerſet*, was a long time moſt grievouſly afflicted with a *Scurf* and *Leproſie*, had hardly any part of him free from head to foot, and all means that could in thoſe parts be adviſed for his Cure, were made uſe of, over and over, but all to no purpoſe; for he grew ſtill worſe and worſe, notwithſtanding all could be done; until at laſt, that he took my Pills, wherewith he was in a ſhort time perfectly cured, to the great admiration, not onely of his Relations, but alſo to the

whole Neighbourhood in thoſe parts: And this is made publick by the requeſt of his Father, who has the reputation of an honeſt man, and will inform any one the truth in this matter.

Mr. *Rowland* the Miniſter of *Biſhopſton*, near *Marlborow* in *Wilt-ſhire*, being brought even to the grave with a moſt dangerous *Scurvy* and *Dropſie*, received a moſt wonderful Cure with my Pills.

John White Servant to Mr. *Marſhall* of St. *Albans*, was exceedingly afflicted with the Yellow and Black *Jaundies*, alſo had the *Scurvy* in a very high degree, and an exceeding dangerous *Dropſie*, ſo that all gave him over for a dead man, yet was perfectly cured with my *Pills*.

Mr. *Nicholas Gouge*, of *Tisbury* near *Hendon* in *Wilt-ſhire*, being 65 years of age, was exceedingly afflicted with ſwelling, and a watery humor in his Legs, which run much, he lay long under the Chyrurgeons hands, but finding no good from them, applyed himſelf to my *Pills*, which perfectly Cured him, ſo that he was as able to follow buſineſs, as he had been in 20 years before, as was acknowledged under his own hand on the 11th. of *Novemb.* 1677.

James Swanton Eſq; living in *Kelberry*, in the County of *Kildare* in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, being extreamly afflicted with the *Scurvy* and *Dropſie*, received a moſt wonderful Cure with my *Pills*.

Mr. *William Leeds*, living at the Wheat-ſheaves and Pidgeons in *Portſmouth*, being exceedingly afflicted with a dangerous Scurvy and Dropſie, inſomuch that he was given over by Phyſitians for a dead man, all hopes of his Recovery being paſt, and not being able to turn him in his bed without help, was by the bleſſing of God perfectly cured with leſs than Six ſhillings worth of my Pills; and this I had notice of by requeſt of the ſaid Mr. *Leeds*, in a Letter dated the 10th of *July*, 1677.

A Letter from Mr. *Humphry Harris*, Chyrurgeon and School-maſter in *Sandwich* in the Iſle of *Purbeck*.

SIR,

I Have lately bought ſome of your Pills of Mr. Churchil *at* Dorcheſter *in the County of* Dorſet; *and having taken of them my ſelf, have found them excellent Pills: my wife alſo having been a long time troubled with a diſeaſe in her head much like a* Vertigo, *by a few times taking them hath received much eaſe; they have alſo eaſed her Stomach, which was very foul, and very much ſtraitned and obſtructed, with a continual wheezing and want of breath, I have ſpaired ſome to my Neighbours, who have found much benefit by them, and commend them as the beſt Phyſick they ever took. Pray be pleaſed to ſend me about Forty or Fifty ſhillings worth; and let them be delivered to the* Pool-*Carrier, whom I will order to pay for them. I have no more but remain*

Sandwich, the 2 of *April.* 72.

SIR, Your humble Servant *Humphry Harris.*

A Letter

A Letter from Mr. *Bradshall*, Minister of *Lime* in *Cheshire*.

Mr. Bromfield,

THESE *parts of* Cheshire *are bound to praise God and pray for you, for those excellent Pills sent by you amongst them, whereof eighteen perfectly cured one* Peter Hunt, *a Shoe-maker of* Lime *in the County of* Chester, *in two or three days time, to the great admiration of his Neighbours. Both his hands were very much swelled with great pain, and his body in an high Fever, and much infected with the Yellow Jaundies. The first Dose eased his hands and whole body; the second took down the swelling, and the third put him into a good state of body, and so dried the suppurated matter in his hands, that it pilled off in a very short time: And he hath lived since in good health for two or three years, without taking any other Physick. I might inform you of many other wonderful Cures performed by your Pills, with God's blessing, on multitudes of Gentlemen, Gentlewomen, and persons of inferior rank, who have been speedily cured by them of a putrid Fever, which hath much infected these parts, since so rare a Medicine for it was by you sent us. So many also have been cured by them of Colds, and Wormes, and several other Distempers, too many to be particularly mentioned, that I conceive your Pills cannot be sufficiently commended by*

SIR, Your thankful Friend and Servant
T. Bradshal.

A Letter from Mr. *Christopher Pearse* of *Membury* in *Devonshire* near *Chard* in the County of *Somerset*.

SIR,

I *Cannot but confess I am in no small measure bound to acknowledg the worth of your most excellent Pills, having taken of them at several times nine shillings worth, and cannot but say (I following your directions) they did to all intents and purposes, most effectually answer my expectations. Now the Distemper which I was afflicted with (being in the sixty fourth year of my age) was a* Palsie *or deadness of my right side,* Cap à-pé, *from head to foot, being taken so twice in the night in my bed, some nights distance one time from the other, which lasted not above a quarter of an hour each fit; and then some days after I was again taken at mid-day, which lasted longer, and was much worse than any Fit I had before; so that I had no sence, or could get any heat on that side, no not by a good fire. But being gotten into a warm bed, I did in some measure recover, yet remained much perplext with a Dizziness, Giddiness, and Unsteadiness in my head: whereupon I took several Doses of your Pills, which (with the blessing of Divine Providence) I wholly ascribe my Cure to, having been ever, since (which is above a year) very free from that Distemper. Besides the* Gout, *which for some years I have been violently pained with, I have not since my taking of your Pills, been so much as once troubled with: And for these great benefits I have received by them, I hold my self obliged to recommend the inoffensive and most effectual Virtues of them to others, as I have often done, which hath occasioned*

cautioned many in our parts to make uſe of them, who likewiſe very highly prize them. And for mine own part, they ſo well ſuit with my conſtitution, that upon taking them, I always find my ſelf very agile and active, and they conſtantly get me a good ſtomach to my meat: Therefore my deſire is to have ſome of them always by me; and to that end, if you pleaſe, deliver a Box of three ſhillings to this Bearer, my Friend and Kinſman, immediately from your own hand; he will pay you for them: ſo that by him, if occaſion be, I can have ſome every week, he being a Londoner; and we have correſpondence one with the other almoſt weekly: not elſe but wiſhing you a ſucceſsful progreſs in your farther undertakings, I ſubſcribe my ſelf,

Membury, June 14. 1676. SIR, Your devoted Friend and Servant *Chriſtopher Pearſe.*

An abſtract of a Letter from Mr. *Thomas Pitt*, Chirurgeon in *Lime* in the County of *Dorſet*.

SIR, I hold my ſelf obliged to give you an account of the great benefit, I, in my private practice, as well as the Countrey round have received by the worth and excellency of your Pills, I have found them effectual againſt inveterate Scurvies, Calenture, Griping in the Guts, and Scrophulous Tumors, one doſe hath Cured Surfeits to admiration, they have cured pains in the head, old aches in the Limbs, and many other Diſtempers.

More particularly three perſons, in and near this Town, one of a Dropſie and Scurvy, who had been diſeaſed eight years, another was worn away (as was judged by a conſumption) to a Scelcton, who by taking two half Boxes was perfectly Cured, the third by taking one Box was perfectly Cured of the Yellow Jaundies, I could alſo give you an account of a great many more Cures wrought by your Pills, but ſhall add no more at this time but that I am,

Lime, June 22. 1675. SIR, Your humble Servant at Command, *Thomas Pitt.*

An abſtract of a Letter from *Richard Carter* Diſtiller at *Chicheſter*

Dr.

THeſe are to acquaint thee with a remarkable Cure that hath been lately performed with thy Pills, *upon the Daughter of* Edmund Stevens *of the Pariſh of* Appledrum, *near this City; ſhe hath been extreamly afflicted with tormenting pains in her Stomach and Bowels, and many times in all her Limbs, with great weakneſs in all parts of her body, ſeeming to be in a Conſumptive condition, very much loathing her meat, not being in a capacity to eat with her Father and Mother at their Table in ſeveral years; much hath been ſpent upon Phyſitians and in Phyſick for her Cure, but all in vain; and ſhe continuing in this ſad condition from ſeven years old, to the age of ſeventeen years; cauſed her Relations to deſpair of ever getting help for her, yet notwithſtanding all ſeeming unlikelineſs of her recovery, ſhe is perfectly Cured with taking thy* Pills, *and hath continued in good health ever ſince laſt Spring; and this will be Teſtified*

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to any that ſhall enquire, by her Father and Mother, (who are Credible perſons) and who alſo deſired me to give thee this account: I might alſo enform thee of ſeveral others, but having no order for it by thoſe Cured, ſhall ſay no more at preſent but reſt,

Chicheſter, the 19th. of the 11th. Month, 1677.

Thy Friend,
Rich. Carter.

Directions for taking my PILLS, *are as followeth.*

I. PErſons of a middle ſtrength are to begin with taking three or four Pills at Bed-time, three hours after a very light Supper (but no Supper is better.) If three or four work not ſufficiently, add one every night, until you take the Doſe that beſt agrees with your body: take them two or three nights one after another (or as ſtrength will allow) then forbear them a night, (or two nights if the Patient be not ſtrong) then take them again as before, *&c.*

II. Thoſe whoſe bodies are weak, or that a little Phyſick will work with, may begin with two Pills, taken after their firſt ſleep, or very early in the morning faſting, and lie in bed an hour, (or two, or three hours) after them, if conveniently they can.

III. *Note*, If the Pills work much in the night, it will afterwards be beſt to take them very early in the morning, and to lie in bed as before directed; or two or three Pills more or leſs, may be taken at night, and as many in the morning.

IV. Women with child, and thoſe that give ſuck, ſhould begin with taking but one or two Pills; and afterwards may take more, as they find them convenient, and as their bodies will bear them.

V. To children about three or four years old, give half or three quarters of a Pill, to elder children give a Pill, two or three, according to their age and ſtrength: And by the way note, there is no better Remedy againſt Worms.

VI. If the Patient be thirſty, in time of the Pills working, he may drink a draught or two of poſſet drink, thin Broth, or ſuch Liquors as he beſt likes, except in *Dropſies*, in which 'tis much better to drink the Liquor made as followeth (if conveniently to be had.)

Take of the tops of Green-broom *ſix handfuls, of* Fumitary *as much, Garden* Scurvy-graſs, *Common* Worm-wood, *of each three handfuls, all cut; Bark of* Elder *ten ounces.* Juniper-berries *bruiſed twelve ounces,* Aniceed *bruiſed ſix ounces,* Horſe-Radiſh Roots *three ounces,* Liquoriſh *four ounces, ſlice the Rootes, put them into a thin Linnen or Hair bag, and put them into five gallons of ſtrong Ale: when it hath almoſt done working, then within a day or two after, the Patient ſhould begin to drink thereof three draughts in a day; but if he drink no other Liquor, it will be the better: and let him ſometimes eat a little candied or* Green-ginger; *and ſtill remember, beſides the drink, to take my Pills as before appointed.* Theſe Directions obſerved, the Pills ſeldom

ſeldom fail to remedy any curable *Dropſie*, as hath been often proved. And note, this Drink, with my Pills, is alſo of good uſe for ſuch as find themſelves very far gone with the *Scurvy*.

VII. Such as care not to ſwallow Pills alone, may take them in a little of the pap of an Apple, ſtew'd Prunes, five or ſix ſpoonfuls of Beer, Ale, or Wine; or they may be bruiſed or cut ſmall (which indeed is the beſt way if they be very hard) and taken with Honey, Sugar, the pap of an Apple, Beer, Ale, or Wine, *&c.*

VIII. Againſt the *Pox*, *Gonorrhœa*, or *Running of the Reins*, let the Pills be taken in the largeſt Doſe, yet not ſo, as much to weaken the Patient.

IX. *Note*, My Pills ſometimes give an eaſie Vomit or two; that is, when the Doſe is large, the Stomach foul, or Nature much inclined that way; which proves very well for the Patient: For they carry forth ſuch Cholerick, Flegmatick, and other noxious Excrements, as Nature could not well avacuate any other way, and by that means often compleat the Cure. And if in their working the Patient chance to be much ſtomach-ſick (which ſeldom happens) then let him drink a glaſs of Sack or White-wine; or if Wine be too coſtly, a draught of ſtrong Ale warm'd; either of which uſually gives ſpeedy eaſe.

☞ *And becauſe I would have no miſtake, pray obſerve, That thoſe whoſe Diſtempers are of long continuance cannot in reaſon expect perfect Cure with three or four times taking my Pills; ſuch ſhould therefore take them in a Doſe as large as they can conveniently have, and continue them ten or fifteen days, or longer if need require; omitting [illegible] two ſometimes, as before directed, or as the Patient ſhall ſee cauſe.*

And that my Pills may fully anſwer every ones expectation, I do adviſe all perſons that ſhall ſwallow them (whole), and not find them operate by Stool, or other ways by Sweat, Urine, &c. as may be expected from the number of Pills *taken, that they afterwards cut or bruiſe them pretty ſmall, and ſo take them in the pap of an Apple, Honey, or ſtew'd Prunes, or drink them in half a dozen ſpoonfuls of Ale, Beer, or what beſt likes the Patient; which is a ſure way to make them operate to content without being really not at all the worſe (but only harder) though ſeven years old.*

And indeed it is alſo a piece of good Husbandry, (beſides it's great advantage in forwarding the Cure) to cut or bruiſe them; for four or five Pills *ſo taken, will be to very good purpoſes as ſignificant as ſix or ſeven taken whole: alſo to drink a glaſs or two in the forenoon of Poſſet-drink, thin Broth, or Ale, will very much forward and quicken their operation.*

But withal you muſt note, That when not only my Pills, *but any other purging Medicine hath been taken three or four days immediately one after another, there cannot be matter ſhould come forth [illegible] times to be ſo often, as there was at the firſt and ſecond takings. And it is alſo moſt true, that half ſo many Stools,*

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when they have been taken three or four days as above mentioned, are to cease to the cure of a Distemper, as so many more were at first taking. Now these things being but thoroughly considered, & my Directions rightly followed, I am very confident that every rational mans expectations (in the use of my Pills) *will be fully answered: But for such as will not follow Directions in taking them, it will be much better both for them and me, that they let my* Pills *quite alone; and so I heartily desire them to do.*

My PILLS are disposed of in Tin-boxes sealed up with my Seal at Arms, being a *Lion passant Guardant*: the larger Box containing about Forty Pills (or within one or two more or less) is Three shillings; and the lesser Box of Nineteen or Twenty Pills is Eighteen pence.

But because of Dangers, and extraordinary charge of Fraight by Sea and great cost of Returns from many parts out of *England*: the larger Box of Pills in *Scotland* and *Ireland* is sold for Three shillings six pence; and the lesser Box for One shilling and nine pence, and not under: And are to be sold by

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